

**PARKS, RECREATION AND BEACHES ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 24, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room**  
**100 North Andrews Avenue**  
**Fort Lauderdale, Florida**

**AGENDA**

**Roll Call**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**  
**Approval of Minutes**

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| 1. Department Report  | Terry Rynard |
| 2. Tarpon Bend Park Conceptual Master Plan Design   | Terry Rynard |
| 3. Renaming – Tarpon Bend Park  | Terry Rynard |
| 4. Land and Water Conservation Program<br><i>Tarpon Bend Park</i>                               | Terry Rynard |
| 5. 2010 Florida DEP Office of Greenways and Trails<br><i>Flagler Greenway Grant Application</i> | Gina Rivera  |
| 6. Renaming - Holiday Park  | Terry Rynard |
| 7. Board Comments/Communications to the Commission  | Mark Hartman |
| 8. Adjournment  | Mark Hartman |

**Other items of interest**

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**Purpose:** Study and advise the City Commission on all matters pertaining to the use, maintenance, acquisition, rules and regulations of the parks and recreation facilities of the City.

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## **Memorandum**

**Date:** March 16, 2010  
**To:** Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board  
**From:** Terry Rynard, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director  
**Subject:** Tarpon Bend Park Conceptual Master Plan Design

Staff will review the conceptual master plan design as prepared for Tarpon Bend Park, CL-465, with the Board. Tarpon Bend Park is a 1.25-acre property located at 630 SW 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue in the Tarpon River Community, a residential area developed in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century. The property has been named as a site of "local significance" in an archeological survey. This survey discovered artifacts believed to be associated with the Tequesta Indians of the Glades II period.

The primary goal for this project is to manage the site as a protected land, managed only for the conservation, protection and enhancement of natural and archaeological resources, and for passive outdoor recreation. The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department will develop and maintain the site as a passive recreational park. Amenities proposed for the site consist of a gazebo, walking trail, and deck. On February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010, staff met with the Tarpon River Civic Association who supported the conceptual master plan design.



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**Date:** March 16, 2010  
**To:** Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board  
**From:** Terry Rynard, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director  
**Subject:** Renaming – Tarpon Bend Park

The Lewis Family, who were the first permanent residents of the New River area during the late 18th – 19th centuries, once owned the property known as Tarpon Bend Park. The parcel is located adjacent to the Lewis Landing Greenway, which was created in memory of the Lewis Family by the Tarpon River Civic Association. Upon acquisition the site contained two structures: the main residence, a single-story home built in 1933 and a guest cottage built circa 1943. The house was built by George W. Young, who is listed in the Society's biographies as "Fort Lauderdale's first developer."

On February 25, 2010, the Tarpon River Civic Association requested staff to place the issue of uniting the site currently known as Tarpon Bend Park with the adjacent site, resulting in one park, which would be named Lewis Landing Greenway.



## Memorandum

**Date:** March 16, 2010  
**To:** Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board  
**From:** Terry Rynard, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director  
**Subject:** Land and Water Conservation Program – Tarpon Bend Park

Staff will discuss the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) grant request being submitted to provide grant funding for the development of Tarpon Bend Park. The funding amount requested will be \$200,000 and does require a 50/50 match on by the City.

If successful, the grant will assist in funding the installation of a gazebo, walking trail, deck, native landscaping and various park amenities. Staff is requesting support of the application from the Board.



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## **Memorandum**

**Date:** March 15, 2010  
**To:** Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board  
**From:** Terry Rynard, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director  
**Subject:** 2010 Florida DEP Office of Greenways and Trails  
Flagler Greenway Grant Application

Staff will discuss the Florida Department of Environmental Protection request being submitted to Office of Greenways and Trails to provide grant funding for the development of the Flagler Greenway Trail.

The U.S. Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration makes funding available for the development of recreational trails through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Office of Greenways and Trails. Recreational Trail Program (RTP) Grant funds may be used for the development of mixed-use trail projects consistent with pedestrian, biking, and skating recreational uses.

Nationally, greenways and trails are becoming integral components of design and planning. This trend stems from the multiple benefits derived from making communities more livable by linking access to parks and open spaces. Greenways and trails can vary from protected areas of native vegetation to railroad corridors and road rights of way. The design of the Flagler Greenway is nearly 90% complete and is considered eligible for submittal under this program. The RTP grant is a matching grant. Staff plans to apply for the grant in the amount of \$187,500 and support the project with a 40% match in the amount of \$125,000.

If successful, the grant will assist in funding the development of the recreational trail as planned for this project.



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## **Memorandum**

**Date:** March 16, 2010  
**To:** Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board  
**From:** Terry Rynard, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director  
**Subject:** Renaming – Holiday Park

The Centennial Celebration Committee was recently established by the City Commission to commemorate Fort Lauderdale's 100th Anniversary in 2011. This advisory committee will help the City plan events and activities that celebrate Fort Lauderdale's past, present and future. The Committee is currently exploring the idea of renaming Holiday Park and has asked that it be placed on the agenda for consideration.

The City of Fort Lauderdale started to acquire the property, currently known as Holiday Park, about the time of the start of World War II. About this time the Murphy Act had become alive, and Harold Martin, a member of the Parks Board, went to Tallahassee and helped the City acquire several hundred lots through the Murphy Act.

On March 1, 1943, Harold Martin appeared before the City Commission to make a plea for speedy action in securing the land necessary for the park that would house an athletic field, municipal auditorium and other recreational projects. He suggested that condemnation now would be less than in the future. He cited the advantages such a park would have in curbing delinquency after the war and stated it would pay dividends beyond conception. Through Mr. Martin's urging it was at this meeting the City Commission took action on condemnation proceedings for the park. Mr. Martin, an attorney, offered to continue his services to help acquire the property. All his services had been donated to the city without any charge whatsoever up to this time. However, as the war progressed, the city ceased acquiring the property for the time being. After the war, the City again proceeded to acquire the property. Porter Reynolds, Director of Parks and Recreation, designed the park. It was accepted by the commission on November 10, 1947, Ord. No. C474. The land cost was \$115,759 for 86 acres, or a cost of about \$1,350 per acre.

It was decided to have a contest to name the park. Ninety-four names were submitted and the winner was to receive a \$25 War Savings Bond. Ray Whyte, a member of the Parks Board, was the one who chose the name of Holiday Park. This was the name submitted by Miss Audrey Conover, who was declared the winner.

From the time that a park was first deemed necessary until the final acquisition and design, it had passed through the hands of five commissions, with a war in between. However,

any delay was certainly a worthwhile one as Holiday Park is one of the City's finest assets. On January 14, 1950, the War Memorial was dedicated. In 1954, the building presently occupied by the Fort Lauderdale Historical Society was built as the recreation center under the direction of Temple Jarrell, who followed Mr. Reynolds as Parks and Recreation Director in 1952. The Civitans and Kiwanis have contributed towards the playgrounds. The library was built in the park in September 13, 1959 and the two buildings known as the Activity Center and Social Center completed in 1965.